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The House met at 11:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOLDING).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 10, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable GEORGE HOLDING to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Michael Siconolfi, Society of Jesus, Quantico, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Lord, You are the author and sustainer of our lives; Yours is the love that bears mercy and the sweet waters that never run dry. By the power of Your word, You stilled the chaos of primeval seas, made the raging waters of the flood subside and etched the channels of fruitful rivers from the Jordan to the Nile, from the Mississippi to the Rio Grande.

We gather this day not far from the river called Potomac to pray for Your blessing upon the Members of this House. Much has been given them; and from them much will be required. Assist them with Your help that they may arrive at the final rollcall vote in Your grace and favor.

Grant all of us here on the shores of this nearby river a sense of hope as we strive to be instruments of Your peace. "In this brief transit . . . teach us to care and not to care. Teach us to sit still. Our peace is in Your will."

We ask this for Your greater glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 635, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. WHITFIELD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WHITFIELD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PERMISSION TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON H.R. 4596

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Commerce be authorized to file a supplemental report on the bill, H.R. 4596.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 9, 2016.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 9, 2016 at 9:29 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 2426.

That the Senate concur in the House amendment to the bill S. 1580.

That the Senate concur in the House amendment to the bill S. 1172.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1755.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 113.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE,
Washington, DC, March 3, 2016.

Hon. PAUL RYAN,
Speaker of the House,
House of Representatives,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On March 2, 2016, pursuant to section 3307 of Title 40, United States Code, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session to consider 24 resolutions included in the General Services Administration's Capital Investment and Leasing Programs.

The Committee continues to work to reduce the cost of federal property and leases. Of the 24 resolutions considered, the six alteration projects include space consolidations, security improvements, and improvements to space efficiency; the three construction projects include two land ports of entry and a federal courthouse consistent with existing funding; the prospectus for site acquisition and design and the prospectus for a building purchase both will result in significant cost savings from avoided lease costs; and the 13 lease prospectuses include significant reductions of leased space. In total, these resolutions represent \$386 million in avoided lease costs and offsets.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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